Supply of books to elementary schools.

*1226 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state, in reference to answers given to question No. 833 on 29th November 1928—

(a) whether the rule contemplated therein has been issued; and

(b) whether he will consider the desirability of amending the rule so as to leave sufficient freedom to the local bodies to take or reject the advice of the District Educational Officer?

A.—(a) The draft rule has been confirmed.

(b) No.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister considers that this is such an important matter that the local bodies are incompetent to decide it even after the advice of the District Educational Officer?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"It is found in practice that the advice of the District Educational Officer is not accepted."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know if that is a sufficient ground for taking away the liberty of the local bodies?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Yes, Sir."

Action taken on the Physical Education Committee's report.

*1227 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the report of the Physical Education Committee and passed any orders on it; and

(b) whether any grants will be provided in the coming budget for giving effect to the recommendations of the Committee?

A.—(a) The report is under consideration of Government.

(b) No. When, however, orders are passed on the report it is found that additional funds are needed in the current year for the purpose, the question of applying for supplementary grant will be considered.

Mr. A B. Shetty:—"May I know when the Government are likely to pass orders?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Before the budget discussion takes place."

Local Boards

Construction of a bridge over the main channel between the Undavalli and Duggirala in Guntur district.

*1228 Q.—Mr. P. Anjaneyulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government had at any time any proposals to construct a bridge over the main canal between Undavalli and Duggirala in the Guntur district;